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Ryota TSUKIDATE et al

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: Examiner: P. NATNAEL

For: DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM USING VIRTUAL CHANNELS

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

At the time of filing the present application, on June 23, 2000, applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The Statement was also identified in the Request Form for Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) filed with the Application.

However, the IDS, which was timely filed and accompanied by Form PTO 1449, has never been acknowledged, and Form 1449 with the Examiner's initials confirming consideration of the cited art has not been provided.

Applicant accordingly requests acknowledgement of the Examiner's receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement.

In order to facilitate the Examiner's consideration of the same, applicant submits herewith copies of **both** the IDS **and** the Request for Application identifying filing of the IDS.

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PT 1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

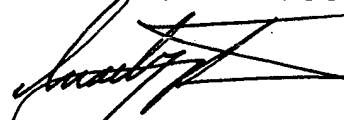
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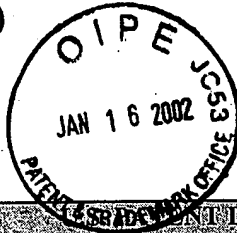
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DOMESTIC PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,886,995	3/99	Arsenault et al.	370	477	
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						Yes
	0508654	10/14/92	EP			

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	"ATSC Standard, System Information for Digital Television (Annex B); January 30, 1996; pp. 63-71

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